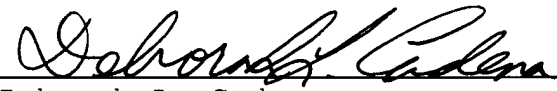


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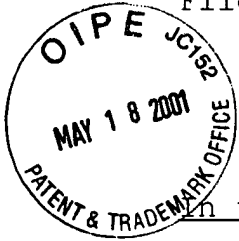
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APPENDIX A

in the Specification:

On page 25, please delete the paragraph on lines 13-17 and substitute therefor:

Pyridoxal binding receptors also have recognizable motifs. One motif is GXGGXXXG (SEQ ID NO:1), a second motif is KXEX₆SXKX₅₋₆M (SEQ ID NO:2), and a third motif is PXNPTG (SEQ ID NO:3) (Suyama et al., Protein Engineering 8:1075-1080 (1995), which is incorporated herein by reference).